

SLAYER OF BECK IN DISTRICT JAIL

Coroner Holds Willard for
Grand Jury Action.

WITNESSES TELL OF TRAGEDY

Curious Crowds Try to See the Child-
Widow, Who Appears in the Court
Room Dressed Like a Schoolgirl.
Attorney for Her Father Wants Her
to Keep Quiet About the Shooting.

Albert Willard, who was held by a
coroner's jury yesterday for the killing
of Irving W. Beck, was a prisoner last
night at the District Jail. He is held for
the action of the grand jury.

An inquest was held over the body of
Beck at the District morgue, which was
crowded with curious spectators, among
them a number of women, who were pre-
sented to see the fourteen-year-old widow,
Mrs. Dorothy Willard Beck, around whom
the story of the tragedy is woven.

The jury reached a verdict after a few
minutes' deliberation, and Willard left the
morgue for the jail, escorted by detec-
tives. Mrs. Willard, his wife, and their
daughter, Dorothy, left the morgue be-
fore the verdict was announced, having
probably been advised the jury would
hold Willard.

Widow a Mere Child.
Surprise was shown at the girl's ap-
pearance of Mrs. Beck, who appeared
dressed more like a schoolgirl than a
married woman, wearing skirts which
reached only to her ankles, with her hair
down her back.

The girl did not seem to realize the full
significance of the proceedings, and
showed no signs of emotion. She greeted
her father in a simple, childlike way, and
her conduct during the hearing was that
of a girl.

Witnesses told the story of the shooting
from the time Willard left his home, at
204 N. street southeast, shortly before 10
o'clock Thursday morning, until Beck
died at Casualty Hospital Thursday
night, including the details of the shoot-
ing in Beck's grocery store, at 300 N.
street southeast, shortly after noon on
Wednesday.

The inquest was begun about 11:30
o'clock. Mrs. Willard and her daughter
had found seats in the room when Will-
ard was arrested. He sprang from his
ankle when he fell down the steps at
Beck's store, a few seconds after he
shot the grocer, and cannot walk
without assistance. Neither Willard, his
wife, nor his daughter were required to
testify, although their attorney, Thomas
C. Taylor, requested the girl to rise and
show herself several times when wit-
nesses were testifying.

All witnesses apparently agreed that
Beck came to his death from revolver
shots fired by Willard.

Saw the Shooting.
Among the witnesses were Fred Zuech-
nitz, a brother-in-law of Beck. Zuech-
nitz said he had worked for Beck eleven
years, and was familiar with the quar-
rel between his employer and Willard.
Zuechnitz was in the store when Willard
entered and heard the few words be-
tween the cranium and his son-in-law.
Zuechnitz witnessed the shooting, and
told what he had seen in detail.

Edward Hoffman, of 202 N. street south-
east, who was also in the store, corroborated
Zuechnitz's testimony. Hoffman
said he went to a house at 106 Indiana
avenue, where he found Mrs. Beck, and
told her of the tragedy.

Adolph Arneson, fireman at the District
pumping station, who was one of the first
men to reach Beck after the shooting,
testified he heard Willard say: "If he
is dead I am happy. If he is not dead
I'm unhappy."
Arneson said he had followed Willard
from a barroom about a block distant
from Beck's store, anticipating that Will-
ard and Beck would engage in a fight.
Capt. Williams and Sgt. Ryan, of the
Fifth precinct, testified that they obtain-
ed the pistol used by Willard from Arne-
son when they arrived on the scene. The
revolver contained three empty and two
unexploded shells. Dr. Thomas A. Lee,
assistant resident physician at Casualty
Hospital, told how Beck was removed to
the hospital in an automobile by Thomas
W. Smith, a lumber dealer. Dr. Lee said
he believed Beck's death was due to in-
ternal hemorrhage. Physicians at the
hospital knew Beck could not live as
soon as they made an examination of
his injuries, said Dr. Lee.

Although Willard did not talk at the
inquest, he gave a brief account of the
shooting to the police of the Fifth pre-

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dict on Wednesday night, it is said. The man declared he allowed Beck to marry Dorothy Willard on condition that Beck allow the girl to remain at the home of her parents. When Beck broke his promise and hid the girl, refusing to tell her parents of her whereabouts, he and Mrs. Willard became almost frantic with grief, Willard said.

The body of Beck was removed from the morgue to the undertaking establish-
ment of Thomas R. Nalley, 1231 Eleventh
street southeast, where funeral services
will be held Monday afternoon at 2
o'clock. Interment will be in Glenwood
Cemetery.

Wants Widow to Keep Quiet.
An effort to close temporarily the lips of Mrs. Dorothy Beck, the child wife of Irving W. Beck, is being made by Thomas Taylor, attorney for the girl's father. The effort involves the denial of a right of examination long exercised by the district attorney.

United States District Attorney Baker issued a subpoena yesterday directing Mrs. Beck to appear before him for in-
formal examination into the crime. She was conducted to the district attorney's office by her father's attorney, Mr. Taylor. Under his direction, she refused to reply to Mr. Baker's questions. Mr. Baker immediately brought the matter to the attention of Justice Anderson, of the District Supreme Court, who set Monday for a hearing on the question. Mrs. Beck was paroled in custody of Attorney Taylor. Assistant District Attorney Proctor will present the arguments for the government.

GOLF COURSE NOT READY.

Money for Preparing Links Not Available for Three Months.

Because the new appropriation for the public golf course in Rock Creek Park is not available for three months, the game cannot be played there before July 1.

The fund for the current fiscal year is entirely exhausted, and there is no money to pay for cutting the grass nor for keep-
ing the links in condition. Only \$100 is needed. There is no way to obviate the difficulty, according to E. M. Tolcott, engineer in charge of street extensions.

DO NOT WANT ASYLUM.

Southeast Citizens Ask that Property Be Kept for Park.

The Southeast Washington Citizens' Association has written to the Commissioners protesting against the use of the government reservation now occupied by the jail and workhouse for other than park purposes when the new structures are erected.

The citizens oppose the bill introduced by Representative Otlett in the House, providing for the building of an asylum for the criminal insane on this reservation.

FORM GRENFELL AUXILIARY.

Washington Branch of Association of American Organizers.

In view of the interest manifested in Washington during the recent visit of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell in the work which he has been carrying on in Labrador, it has been determined to organize a Washington auxiliary of the Grenfell Association of America.

Members of the Washington auxiliary will be constantly advised of the work carried on by Dr. Grenfell, and also will have timely notice giving them ample opportunity to meet and hear him whenever he comes to this city.

The temporary committee on organization consists of H. B. F. Macfarland, Charles Henry Butler, and James H. Taylor. The acting secretary and treasurer is Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

Library of Congress—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on secular days; from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. on Sundays and on certain holidays.

Public Library—Open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; holidays 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; Sundays, 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

White House—Open 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

United States Capitol—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

State, War, and Navy Departments—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. (The original Declaration of Independence is in the library at the State Department.)

United States Treasury—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

United States Patent Office—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

United States Pension Bureau—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

United States City Post-Office—Open all hours. (The Dead Letter Office is in the city post-office.)

National Botanic Garden—Open 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Fish Commission—Open 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

Army Medical Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

National Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).

Smithsonian Institution—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).

Agricultural Department—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Open 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Washington Monument (360 feet in height)—Open 6:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (Elevator runs from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.)

Courtesy Gallery of Art—Open 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. in winter; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer. Sun-
days—10 p. m. to 5 p. m., excepting in midsum-
mer. Admission free on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sat-
urdays, and Sundays; other days, 25c admission.

Government Printing Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Navy Yard—Open 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Southwest Cottage, 36th st. and Prospect ave.

Key Mansion—Home of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," 334 14 street northwest. Open daily, except Sunday, 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Admission free.

IN THE SUBURBS.

Zoological Park—Open all day.

Rock Creek Bridge and Park.

Cherry Chase and Kensington.

Naval Observatory—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Mount Vernon (the home and tomb of Washing-
ton)—Open 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Admission National Cemetery.

Fort Myer Military Post.

United States Soldiers' Home—Open 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Cathedral Grounds, Tennantstown road—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Great Falls of the Potomac.

CAB DRIVER ARRESTED.

Suspected of Robbing Nokesville, Va., Lumber Dealer.

Thurman Burck, alias "the Baltimore kid," a cab driver, who has been arrested several times, again fell into the hands of the police yesterday.

Burck was arrested on suspicion of robbery by Detectives Mullin and Warren, and was lodged in a cell at the First precinct station until he can be arraigned in Police Court. He denies the charge against him.

The police believe Burck robbed James L. Betts, a lumber dealer, of Nokesville, Va., on Wednesday night last. Betts hired a cab late that night and ordered the driver to drive to a hotel. When Betts dismissed the cabman he found he had been robbed. A roll of bills containing nearly \$50 and a valuable gold watch had been taken from his pockets.

Betts notified Captain of Detectives Boardman, who detailed Mullin and Warren to investigate. The police allege they obtained damaging evidence against the cab driver. He was found at his home, 218 C street northwest.

Watch for a City—Randle Highlands.

Sues Railway Company for \$3,000.

Suit for \$3,000 damages and costs was brought in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Thomas J. Clark against the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The complainant says that on December 23 last he attempted to board a car of the defendant company at Ninth and G streets northwest, and that the car started forward before he was safely on, throwing him to the ground and injuring him severely and permanently. He is represented by Attorneys Mark Stearns and P. H. Loughran.

LOCAL MENTION.

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